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1. The Hunchun Arsenal, consisting of seven associated plants, is in Fei Shan (北山), Hunchun Hsien (130-22, 42-52), approximately two miles northeast of the Hunchun station. It was formerly occupied by the Japanese 134 Unit. [REDACTED] it has been working exclusively for the Chinese Communist Army.

2. The monthly production of the arsenal is as follows:

- 170 trench mortars, 52 mm and 82 mm
- 2,000 hand grenades
- 600-700 76 mm shells
- 450-500 shells for trench mortars
- 40,000-42,000 bullets for M99 and M38 rifles
- 10,000-15,000 bullets for FPSH and 7.62 mm TT Tokarev pistols
- 17,000-20,000 bullets for 7.62 mm Moisin-Nagant M91/30 rifle
- 1,500 bayonets for M38 and M99 rifles

The first factory manufactures weapons; the fourth concentrates on ammunition.

3. Most of the raw material for the arsenal are obtained from the nitrogen factory in Hungnam, North Korea. Boxes holding incoming supplies are marked with the Hungnam plant's name. The raw material, principally black powder and smoky (sic) explosive, is brought to Hunchun by rail and is handled under cover of darkness. Finished supplies are also shipped at night to Kirin, for forwarding to the 4 Field Army. All shipments are handled under strict guard of Chinese Communist troops.

4. Personnel of the arsenal include the following:

Manager: CHANG Shou-i (張壽一), age 47, member of the 4 Field Army Military Committee.

Deputy manager: LIN T'ao (林濤), age 43, artilleryman.*

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Factory chiefs:

First Factory: CHANG Shou-i.

Second Factory: CH'EN Ch'un-wei (陳春維), age 46, formerly in Kwantung Garrison Headquarters.

Third Factory: T'ANG Shih-hsueh (唐世學), age 31, GNP member.

Fourth Factory: PU Wei-t'uan (卜衛團), age 34, formerly in the 8 Route Army.

Fifth Factory: HSU Yao-yuan (徐耀遠), age 39, formerly in the 8 Route Army.

Sixth Factory: LI Mo-t'ing (李漢庭), age 30.

Seventh Factory: MA Hsueh-shu (馬雪五), age 35, engineer, major formerly in the 8 Route Army.

5. The plant employs 900 laborers, 48 clerks, and 140 technicians, of whom 20 are Japanese and 16 Korean. Most of the personnel are in their thirties, and about 60 percent of them have had previous military service. It is the arsenal policy not to hire local labor; the majority of employees are from other localities. The workers and technicians are billeted on the factory premises and are not allowed to leave, but senior staff members may go outside. Working hours are four in the morning till 6 or 7 at night as 10 to 12 hours of work daily are required to meet the production program. The Communists are making every effort to increase production; Communist indoctrination and propaganda advocate longer hours and encourage rivalry among the workers.

6. The plant has some natural shelter from air attack. On the hillside back of the factory, about 800 Communist troops are stationed as guards.

7. The factory buildings include the following (see Attachment A):

Main office: a one-story grey cement building with a grey slate roof, 25 by 15 meters.

Seven factory buildings: each one-story brick and stucco, 50 by 25 meters.

Fourteen warehouses: one-story wooden buildings with stuccoed walls, 7 by 3 meters.

* ~~Comment.~~ LIN T'ao was reported an executive of the Kwantung Sino-Soviet Friendship Association in Kwantung in 1947. CH'EN Ch'un-wei was commander of a Kwantung Communist military unit in 1946.

Attachment: Location of the Hunchun Factory.

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